

Executive Director's Report For April 25, 2005

Announcements:

- In *Association of American Physicians and Surgeons v. Brewer*, the Plaintiffs filed a Notice of Appeal on April 8, 2005.
- The Fund balance at the end of March was \$18,001,347.
- Monthly revenue comparison from the \$5 tax check off:
 - March 2005 \$1,648,545
 - March 2004 \$ 828,434
 - March 2003 \$ 481,429

Voter Education:

- Commissioner Bardorf and Autumn Southard will attend a media training session with Off Madison Avenue on May 6.
- 2006 Media Guide has been posted on the website.
- Electronic survey sent to all legislators regarding 2004 campaign finance software and met with 8 campaign treasurers to discuss their experience using the software.
- 2006 Participating Candidate Guide and candidate training materials are near completion.
- Letters sent to all current officeholders regarding the adjusted limits for the officeholder expense accounts.
- Speaking Engagements:
 - April 14th -Globe/Miami Chamber of Commerce.
 - May 3rd –Kiwanis De Amigos.
 - May 19th – Greater Phoenix Urban League.

Enforcement:

- The latest 2004 Enforcement Status Report shows a total of 70 matters under review: 48 are closed or settled and 3 are under investigation.
- In matters under review for Jesse Hernandez and Peggy Hamman, the campaign audits are expected to be completed soon. Upon completion of the audits, approval of the audits and the staff recommendations will be placed on the next meeting agenda. For the audits of David Gowan and Rick Murphy, the accountants have completed the preliminary audit reports to be considered at the next meeting.
- David Smith and Ron Gould have filed administrative appeals to the Commission's actions at the March 24, 2005 meeting. The Office of Administrative Hearings will hold the hearing within 60 days of the appeal request.

Legislation: The following two bills have passed the Senate and House:

- H.B. 2505 allows legislators and statewide public officials to maintain an officeholder expense account to be used to defray officeholder expenses. This legislation establishes regulation and limitations of these accounts and voids the Commission's rule that regulates an officeholder expense account.
 - Limits contributions to the officeholder account to contributions from an individual in an amount of \$296 for legislators and \$760 for statewide public officials.
 - Limits the total amount that an officeholder can receive or spend to \$15,136 for legislators and \$151,248 for statewide public officials.
 - Prohibits an officeholder from receiving or spending monies from the account during a period beginning the day the officeholder files nomination papers and ending the day after the election for the office held by the officeholder.

- SB 1427: Requires the Commission to post the following information on its website: number of pages of rules, policies, or guidance documents adopted by the CCEC if those documents were printed from the website onto standard sized paper; date the CCEC adopted its first rule; and estimated number of pages of documents that the CCEC is likely to adopt by 2010.

Staff and Office Operations:

- For the Campaign Finance Manager position, 5 of the more than 60 applicants were interviewed on April 18, 2005.
- Electronic Fund Transfers- Procedure for disbursing candidate funding electronically is being developed with the assistance of ADOA and the State Treasurer's office.
- Working with the Secretary of State's Office, former candidates, and campaign treasurers, to make software changes for the 2006 election.
- Developing new procedures for creating and maintaining enforcement files.
- Developing special website log in for commissioners/staff to view documents on website in an effort to reduce the amount of paper used. In addition, the documents for the Commission meeting will be posted on the website for members of the public to obtain the meeting documents prior to the meeting. At the Commission meeting, the agendas will be available for the public.
- Continuing to fill a steady flow of public records requests.